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Title : HIGHLY CROSS-LINKED, EXTREMELY HYDROPHOBIC NITRIC

OXIDE-RELEASING POLYMERS AND METHODS FOR THEIR

MANUFACTURE AND USE

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Sir:

In response to the final office action mailed January 12, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below. Favorable consideration and entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.